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PASS MONROE LEIGH FROM SANDLER

1. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: FLOWERS SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REPORT BILL. IT MUST STILL CLEAR FULL HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. THAT COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER IT UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY RECESS.

2. AUGUST 31 - L DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT:

-- FELDMAN GAVE MR. ROBINSON A MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO ACDA. THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ACT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES THAT THE AGENCY FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH MR. ROBINSON WHEN HE RECEIVED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS CANADA'S

CONCERNS AT THE U.S. ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS OF THE URANIUM AND POTASH INDUSTRIES. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE JUSTICE DEPT IS NOT ACCUSING THE COMPANIES OF CRIMINAL

CONDUCT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CANADIAN LAW BUT IS INVESTIGATING MEASURES ALLEGEDLY TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO U.S. PRODUCTION.

-- FELDMAN WAS INFORMED BY THE JUSTICE DEPT THAT IT CANNOT DEFEND A DENIAL OF AN FOI REQUEST FOR THE LATE HOWARD HUGHES' PASSPORT PHOTO. PA HAS AGREED TO RE-CONVENE THE CCP TO HEAR THE JUSTICE POSITION.

-- SCHWABEL CONFERRED WITH VINE, COUNSEL OF THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION, AND COUNSEL FOR THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY, AND CIRCULATED THE CONFERENCE'S SUGGESTED REVISION OF DRAFT PASSAGES FOR AN HIRC REPORT ON PENDING LEGISLATION ON ADJUDICATION OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE GDR. THE CONFERENCE MAINLY SEEKS THE DEPT'S ASSURANCE THAT, IF THE CONFERENCE'S EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE GDR FAIL, THE USG WILL DIRECTLY NEGOTIATE THOSE CLAIMS WITH THE GDR. THE BULK OF THE CLAIMS ARE OF U.S. NATIONALS, THOUGH SOME OF THE CLAIMANTS WERE NOT U.S. NATIONALS AT TIME OF LOSS.

-- SCHWABEL REVISED A DRAFT STATEMENT PREPARED BY TREASURY FOR CIEC DESIGNED TO REASSURE OIL EXPORTERS OF THE SECURITY OF THEIR INVESTMENTS ABROAD. ROBINSON

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